

**INCREASING DEMANDS ON FOOD BANKS AND CHARITIES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a joint hearing to review the effect of the economic downturn and increased unemployment on the demand for hunger-relief assistance at food banks and other charities. Testimony was heard from Representatives McGovern, Boozman, and Moran of Kansas; and public witnesses.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY CLAIMS BACKLOGS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Clearing the Disability Claims Backlogs: The Social Security Administration's Progress and New Challenges Arising From the Recession. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara B. Kennelly, Acting Chair, Social Security Advisory Board; Patrick O'Connell, Inspector General, SSA; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Significant Activities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****FINANCIAL REGULATORY REFORM**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine financial regulatory reform, focusing on protecting taxpayers and the economy,

after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary, Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary, and Charles Collyns, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, Ellen Gloninger Murray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, all of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

**House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.